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(*b*) the expenditure incurred in the City of Madras in connexion with the B.C.G. Vaccination Scheme in 1953–54?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir. It will be extended to all districts.

" (*b*) The expenditure incurred is Rs. 29,591–5–0."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I have received another request from the Hon. Minister for Revenue that his questions may be taken up next. I hope the House gives permission to take up his questions. Now we will take up question 505."

Private irrigation works in Malabar.

* 505 *Q.*—SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) how many private irrigation works there are in Malabar now, constructed with the permission of the Government and without such permission; and

(*b*) the extent of land irrigated by such sources and the water-rate collected by the owners?

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Although there are many private irrigation works in Malabar district, those shown in the Statement appended to this answer, are the more important ones. The information required in respect of those works are furnished in the statement [a]. It cannot be said definitely without detailed verification and scrutiny whether they were constructed with the permission of the Government or not."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Sir, the meagre statement furnished by the Hon. Minister itself shows that the proprietors are collecting 20 paras of paddy per acre which even when worked at a low rate comes to about Rs. 50 per acre. Now in view of the exorbitant collection of water rates and the importance of this problem—the land owners refuse to give water to lands when water is required—will the Government be pleased to undertake legislation as was contemplated before to regulate private irrigation sources or take them under Government control? "

THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" Sir, I do not agree with the statement of the hon. Member characterising the statement as meagre. The statement covers two pages. If this is considered meagre, I cannot understand what he means by ' meagre '. As regards his suggestion, Sir, I must examine what it is first."

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[a] **Printed as Appendix VI on pages 720–721 infra.**